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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 4-6-53

WEATHER The week was considerably cooler than normal over the Panhandle, and slightly cooler than normal elsewhere. Heavy snow fell over the northwestern corner of the State, and light to moderate snow in the southern portion of the Panhandle. Elsewhere most of the State received light to moderate showers, except heavy along the Missouri River.

March was considerably milder than normal, in contrast to the cold March weather which has prevailed during the past three years. Precipitation averaged about two-thirds the normal in the west, and only slightly below elsewhere. Amounts for the month ranged from less than a quarter of an inch over the upper North Platte Valley to over 2 inches in the southeastern corner of the State. Several days were very windy, and there was considerable blowing of soil and dust in the west.

CROPS Summer fallowed wheat and wheat on the ground that was plowed early last summer made a marked improvement last week and is ahead of normal for this date. Generally, wheat in the Panhandle, except some in western Box Butte county, is very good, and will soon draw heavily on the subsoil moisture supply. Northern Dundy, Chase, Perkins and Keith have good wheat but the condition is spotted in the balance of southwestern Nebraska.

The condition is also very spotted in central, south central and also parts of east central and southeastern Nebraska, where considerable wheat is poor. Some wheat has already been abandoned and seeded to other crops. Rainfall in the past week has improved the outlook, but it was rather light in most of the southwestern, central and south central counties. Some of the wheat is being pastured.

About 78 percent of the oats and 69 percent of the barley were seeded by the close of last week. Rains during the past week delayed seeding. Part of the oats in the southern half of the State are up. Warmer weather is needed in northeastern Nebraska to bring the oats up.

Alfalfa is being damaged quite badly by cutworms. More moisture is needed for alfalfa in the central, southwest and south central counties. Grass is a little slow in starting. The present moisture supply is ample to start grass in all of the northern portion of the State. The North Platte Valley is generally very short of moisture.

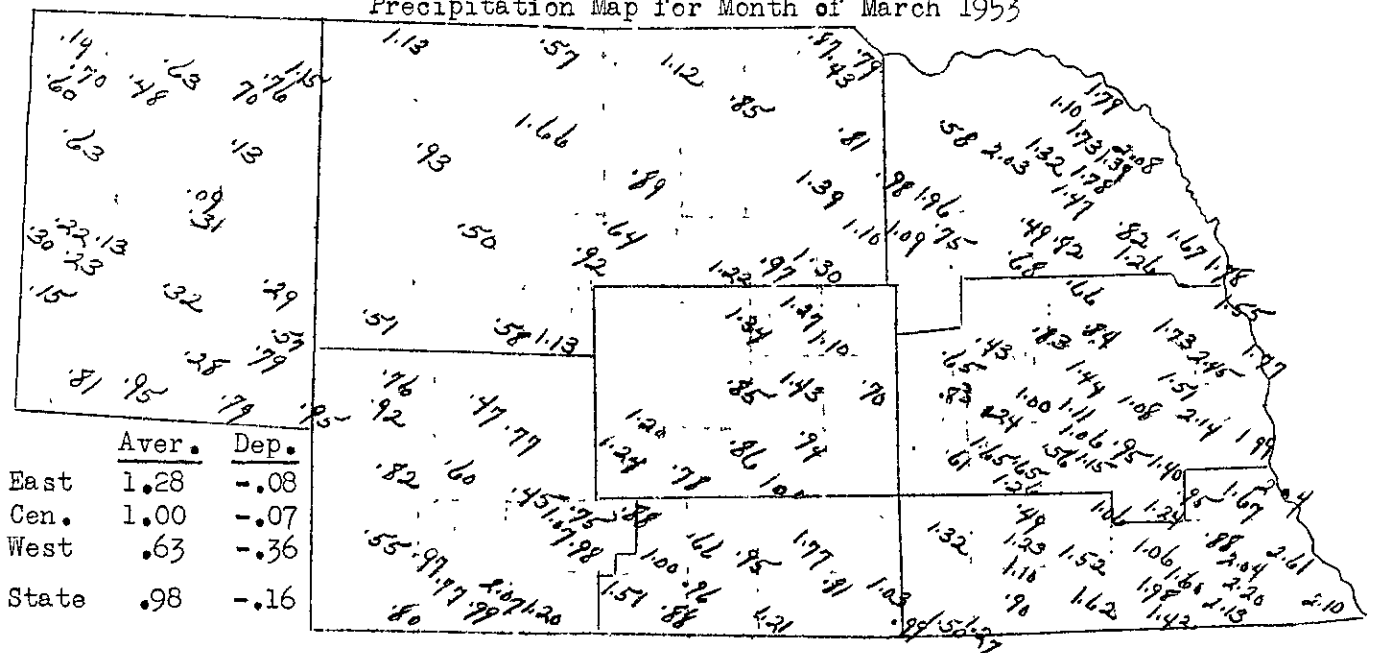
Farm field work is well advanced for this date. Some counties report the farm labor supply short. There is a good demand for commercial fertilizer.

LIVESTOCK Reports on the calf, pig and lamb crops continue highly favorable. A few local shortages of feed for cattle are reported. Some counties report range is very short. There are a few reports of disease.

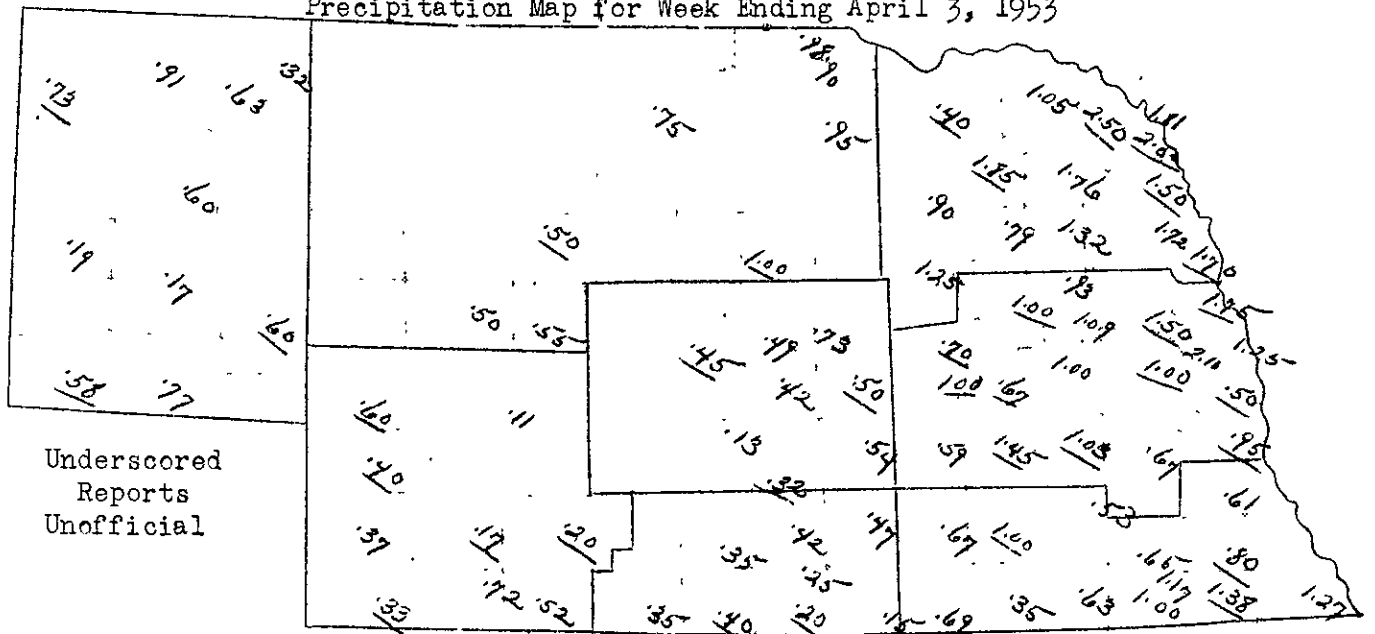
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 6, 1953

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .49	12 50	Lexington .25	Chadron .91
Lincoln .65	4-7-53	North Platte .28	Imperial .24
Omaha .72		Valentine .53	Scottsbluff .19
			Sidney --

Precipitation Map for Month of March 1953



Precipitation Map for Week Ending April 3, 1953



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		March		April											
		31st		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	54	31	61	29	42	28	36	10	44	22	--	30	64	41
	Scottsbluff	53	37	64	32	57	29	40	18	52	25	--	28	65	42
	Sidney	54	32	53	31	59	27	38	17	49	22	56	28	60	39
N-C	Valentine	54	37	53	27	54	32	36	19	45	23	48	23	59	39
NE	Norfolk	48	37	41	36	56	34	42	29	49	25	52	25	54	37
	Sioux City	58	37	42	38	58	33	45	31	50	27	53	24	55	36
CEN.	Grand Island	51	38	43	33	60	39	45	28	51	25	57	30	57	34
	Lexington	60	39	46	27	62	43	45	20	53	18	60	27	59	--
E-C	Lincoln	50	39	43	39	59	36	49	32	51	31	59	31	55	35
	Omaha	49	39	41	40	58	33	55	34	51	32	56	30	54	32
SW	Imperial	55	37	55	32	63	34	45	18	55	23	60	33	59	36
	North Platte	54	40	54	32	61	38	47	21	52	24	60	29	59	42